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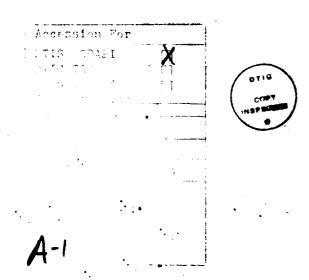
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The discovery of ion conducting complexes formed between alkali salts and poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO) by Wright and co-workers, (1-3) and subsequent investigations by Armand and co-workers (4,5) have generated a great deal of interest in this new class of materials. Because PEO and related complexes offer considerable promise as electrolytes in potentially superior solid state batteries, much of the research to date has focused on their ion transport properties (6-10).

In this paper we present magnetic resonance results for PEO 4.5 NaClO, with particular emphasis on addressing the natures of both ionic and polymer chain motion in complex. Previous nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) studies of lithium-salt association complexes with PEO (11) and related polymers (12,13) demonstrate a feature common to superionic solids - motional narrowing of 7Li NMR lines in the temperature region of enhanced conductivity. As will be discussed, similar results are obtained for 23Na in the present study. An important comment to be made regarding this observation is that the NMR measurements are also sensitive to local motional processes which do not necessarily contribute to the long range ion transport mechanisms that determine the material's conductivity.

Proton NMR can shed light on the dynamics of the polyether chains just as <sup>7</sup>Li or <sup>23</sup>Na NMR can for alkali ion motion. Another technique for probing molecular chain dynamics involves the use of paramagnetic impurity molecules such as 4-hydroxy-2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1- N-1-oxyl(TANOL), in which tumbling correlation times of the impurities are extracted from electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra at various temperatures.(14) <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>15</sup>N-enriched TANOL EPR data have also been obtained for

PEO, .5 NaClO,.

The samples were prepared by dissolving the appropriate amounts of PEO (MW-5x10<sup>5</sup>; Aldrich) and NaClO, (Aldrich) in methanol. The resulting solution was cast onto a Teflon plate and slowly evaporated at 40°C. The films were then packed into sealed evacuated tubes for the resonance measurements, after being treated in a vacuum oven at 80°C for 24 hours to drive off residual solvent or water. For the ETR measurements 0.05 weight percent perdeuterated 1°N-enriched (99.8%) TANOL (obtained from MSD Isotopes) was added to the solution prior to evaporation. NMR spectra and relaxation times were obtained with

a JEOL GX-400 spectrometer, and an IBM ER200 X-band spectrometer was utilized in conjunction with a Varian 4540 temperature controller for the EPR measurements.

The 23Na NMR lineshape for PEO4.5NaClO4 at a resonance frequency of 105.8 MHz and T=-85C is shown in Fig. 1. From linewidth and  $\pi/2$ pulse-width considerations it can be concluded that there is no appreciable quadrupole broadening present. The absence of an observable quadrupole interaction indicates a highly symmetric environment for the rigid Na ions. Arguments based on conductometric studies of PEO •KSCN complex in methanol (15) and 2 % Na NMR chemical shifts in Na-containing complexes (in solution) (16) suggest a tetrahedral configuration in which the cation is fourfold coordinated by the ether oxygens. (17) Although this model is consistent with the solid state measurements reported in this work, it is important to note that Berthier and co-workers have observed a quadrupole broadened 2 3Na resonance line in PEO10NaI. (18) These findings suggest a sensitivity of cation coordination to

← Fig 2 the stoichiometry of the complex. The temperature dependence of the 23Na linewidth (full-width at half-maximum, v = 105.8 MHz) is shown in Fig. 2. It is clear from that data that the "rigid-line" region corresponds to temperatures below -50C. At higher temperatures motional narrowing occurs, the linewidth decreasing monotonically with increasing temperature up to the highest temperature measured (95C). Motional narrowing of 'Li NMR spectra has been reported for several Li salt-polymer complexes, (11-13) although the onset of the narrowing generally does not occur until -15C or higher. For spin I=1/2 nuclei the narrowing process arises from motional averaging of the local field at the nuclear site due to the magnetic dipole-dipole interaction. Motional narrowing of quadrupole broadened spectra (for I>1) results principally from averaging of the electric field gradient (efg) at the nuclear site. The absence of a static efg deduced from the low temperature 2 Na spectrum in Fig.1 suggests that efg fluctuations do not contribute to line-narrowing, thus yielding essentially the same result as for I=1/2 nuclei. It is possible, however, that additional insight into the ion hopping mechanism could be gained through 28Na spin-lattice relaxation (T<sub>1</sub>) measurements, due to the sensitivity of  $T_1$  to efg fluctuations. (19)

← Figl

Proton NMR spectra of PEO-alkali complexes are generally composed of two distinct features: 3 relatively narrow lorentzian component superimposed on a broad gaussian component. The broad component is identified (11, 18, 20)with the relatively rigid CH<sub>2</sub> segments in the rystalline phase of the complex while the narrow line arises from mobile CH2 segments in the elastometric phase. Proton T<sub>1</sub> data over the :emperature range 0-100C is displayed in Fig.3. he bandwidth of the spectrometer employed in . he measurements was limited to ~30 kHz by a ombination of available rf power and digitizer peed designed for a nominally high-resolution nstrument. Consequently 1H spectra whose inewidths approached or exceeded this limit below O'C) were not utilized. The T1 recovery rofiles were found to be single-valued xponential with no resolvable differences etween the broad and narrow components. he local T, minimum occurring at Tv69C a olymer-chain motional correlation time  $\tau =$  $\times 10^{-10}$ s (at 69C) can be inferred (assuming that T = 1 at the  $T_1$  minimum, where  $\omega$  is the NMR requency).

In order to obtain additional information egarding the chain dynamics, EPR linewidth easurements of TANOL-doped PEO, SNaClO, were mployed. It is important to note that because he probe molecules are not covalently bonded o the polymer chains, their rotational behavior rovides only a qualitative measure of motion . f the host polymer matrix in which the probes re imbedded. An interesting feature of the PR spectra is that they do not reflect the oexistence of both crystalline (expected to ield "slow-tumbling") and elastometric fast-tumbling) phases. A possible explanation or this may be related to different olubilities of TANOL in each phase that would end to favor the segregation of the probe olecules in the elastomeric phase.

In the "fast-tumbling" region (\$10-9 s) the N EPR hyperfine component linewidths are elated to the rotational correlation time τ of the probe molecule in a simple manner (14,21). The EPR first-derivative spectra are symmetric ith respect to the baseline in this region. FEQ., NaClO4, the onset of fast-tumbling scurs at 72C, above which Kivelson's formalism (22) for computing τ is applicable. The temperature dependence of the nitroxide subling correlation time is shown in Fig.4.

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The probe tumbling behavior appears to be characterized by two activation energies, 0.46  $\pm$  .05 eV for T  $\leq$  120 C, and 0.13  $\pm$  .08 eV above this temperature. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) results for PEO, SNaClO, reveal the presence of a sharp thermal event in the vicinity of T = 150C (23). The sharpness of the DSC feature suggests melting of the crystalline complex at To150 C, although progressive dissolution of the crystalline phase in the elastometric phase cannot be ruled out, as indicated by similar results obtained for PEO,LICF, SO, (18). In either case it appears as though the abrupt drop in nitroxide probe rotational activation energy should be related to increased chain mobility above \$120C which is also consistent with the DSC result. It is interesting to note that the probe tumbling. correlation time at T ~ 69C is about 7X10<sup>-10</sup> s, which is close to the NMRdetermined  $\tau$  for the polymer chains  $(4 \times 10^{-1})$  at that temperature.

Additional measurements (including  $^{2}$ Na  $T_1$ ) is a function of Na concentration are surrently in progress.

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Fig. 1.  $^{23}$ Na NMR absorption lineshape at T = -85C,  $v_o = 105.8$  MHz in  $PEO_{4.5}NaClO_{4}$ .

Fig. 2. <sup>23</sup>Na full-width at half-maximum vs. temperature (C) in PEO<sub>4.5</sub>NaClO<sub>4</sub>.

Fig. 3. <sup>1</sup>H spin-lattice relaxation time (T<sub>1</sub>) vs. reciprocal temperature in PEO<sub>4.5</sub>NaClO<sub>4</sub>.

Fig. 4. Temperature dependence of correlation time for nitroxide radical tumbling in PEO<sub>4.5</sub>NaClO<sub>4</sub> doped with 0.05%

15N-enriched TANOL.

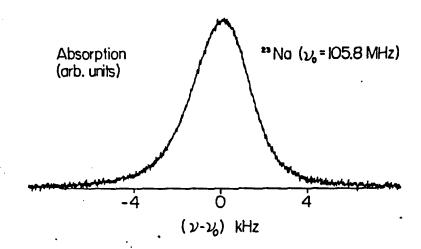


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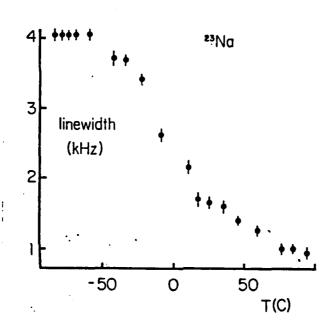


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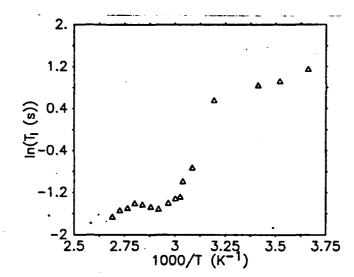


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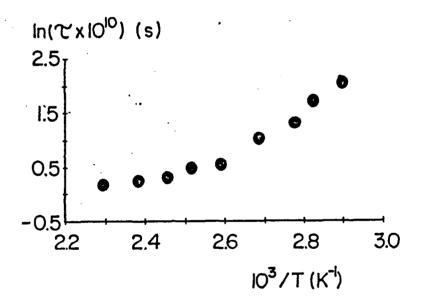


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